

## VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

OCT 2 2 2009

Timothy J. Davis, Treasurer Singh for Congress 10736 Sepulveda Boulevard Mission Hills, CA 91345

**RE:** MUR 6103

Dear Mr. Davis:

On October 29, 2008, the Federal Election Commission notified Singh for Congress 2008 Inc. and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On October 15, 2009, based upon the information contained in the complaint the Commission decided to dismiss the complaint and closed its file in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on October 15, 2009.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Collins, the paralegal assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Thomasenia P. Duncan

General Counsel

BY: Jeff S. Jordan

Supervisory Attorney

Complaints Examination and

Legal Administration

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

cc: Navraj Singh

2	BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
3	In the Matter of )
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5	MUR 6103 ) CASE CLOSURE UNDER THE
6	SINGH FOR CONGRESS 2008, INC. ) ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY
.7 8	AND TIMOTHY J. DAVIS, AS TREASURER) SYSTEM
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10	GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT
11	Under the Enforcement Priority System, matters that are low-rated
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13	forwarded to the Commission with a recommendation for dismissal. The Commission has
14	determined that pursuing low-rated matters compared to other higher-rated matters on the
15	Enforcement docket warrants the exercise of its prosecutorial discretion to dismiss these cases.
16	The Office of General Counsel scored MUR 6103 as a low-rated matter.
17	In this matter, the complainant, Tauby Lynn Ross, makes a number of allegations against
18	Singh for Congress 2008, Inc., and Timothy J. Davis, in his official capacity as treasurer ("the
19	Committee"), the campaign committee of Navraj Singh. First, according to the complainant,
20	the Committee failed to file its 2008 October Quarterly Report, which was due on October 15,
21	2008, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2)(A). The complainant asserts that the Committee was
22	required to file the report, as Mr. Singh was "carrying on an active and expensive campaign,"
23	and encloses in the complaint what is described as a "district-wide [undated] mailer," apparently
24	disseminated by the Singh campaign. In addition, the complainant states that the mailer does not
25	disclose the Committee's "FEC number," nor does it include a disclaimer stating that it was paid
26	for by the Committee, with the latter information set apart in a printed box, as required under
27	2 U.S.C. §§ 441d(a)(1) and (c)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Singh was an unsuccessful candidate for California's 27th Congressional District. FEC records disclose that he raised less than \$28,000 and, according to California's Secretary of State, received approximately 25% of votes cast during the general election. See http://vote2008.sos.ca.sov/Returns/mrss/2759.htm

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Second, the complainant asserts that the Committee's website, two pages of which were included with the complaint, fails to disclose information describing the Committee's "best efforts" reporting obligations and does not set forth federal prohibitions against contributions from corporations, labor unlons, banks, foreign nationals, federal contractors, and persons who make contributions using the funds of others. Further, the complainant claims that the Committee, through its website, sought contributions but did not request information concerning potential contributors' occupations and the names of their employers. Finally, according to the complainant, the website failed to disclose the Committee's "FEC number" and does not include a disclaimer stating that it was paid for by the Committee, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a)(1).

The Committee did not file a response. Nevertheless, according to FEC records, the Committee filed its 2008 October Quarterly Report on October 25, 2008, after being contacted by the Reports Analysis Division. In addition, a review of the material provided with the complaint indicates that some information identifying the Committee was included—"Singh for Congress 2008" on the mailer and http://222.sinehforcongress.2008.com/contribute/index.html on the pages printed from the Committee's website. The staff was unable to access the

In light of the remedial action taken by the Committee with respect to its disclosure report, coupled with the partial identifying information included with its mailer and website, and in furtherance of the Commission's priorities and resources relative to other matters pending on the Enforcement docket, the Office of General Counsel believes that the Commission should exercise its prosecutorial discretion and dismiss the matter. See Hackler v. Chaney, 470 U.S. 821 (1985). Additionally, this Office intends on reminding the Committee and its treasurer, in his official capacity, of the Committee's obligation to file timely disclosure reports, affix appropriate

Committee's website, which has apparently been taken down.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On August 19, 2009, this Office contacted Timothy J. Davis, the Committee's treasurer. Mr. Davis said that he thought be had responded to the complaint, and that he would review the file and get back in touch with the Office. To date, there has been no further response from the Committee.

- 1 disclaimers to its campaign mailers and solicitations, and take steps to ensure that it obtains the
- 2 necessary contributor information when it solicits contributions.

## RECOMMENDATION

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- The Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission dismiss
- б MUR 6103 as to Singh for Congress 2008, Inc. and Timothy J. Davis, in his official capacity as
  - treasurer, close the file, and approve the appropriate letters.

Thomasenia P. Duncan General Counsel

9/11/09 Date

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